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By: **The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judgeships – Circuit Courts and District Court**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of resident judges of the circuit court in certain
4 counties and Baltimore City; altering the number of resident judges of the District
5 Court in certain districts; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; and
6 generally relating to judgeships in the circuit courts and the District Court.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 1–503 and 1–603(b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 1–503.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) In each county in the first seven judicial circuits there shall be the number of
2 resident judges of the circuit court set forth below, including the judge or judges provided
3 for by the Constitution:

- 4 (1) Allegany 2
- 5 (2) Anne Arundel 12
- 6 (3) Baltimore County [18] **19**
- 7 (4) Calvert 3
- 8 (5) Caroline 1
- 9 (6) Carroll 4
- 10 (7) Cecil 4
- 11 (8) Charles [4] **5**
- 12 (9) Dorchester 1
- 13 (10) Frederick 5
- 14 (11) Garrett 1
- 15 (12) Harford 5
- 16 (13) Howard 5
- 17 (14) Kent 1
- 18 (15) Montgomery [22] **23**
- 19 (16) Prince George's [23] **24**
- 20 (17) Queen Anne's 1
- 21 (18) St. Mary's 3
- 22 (19) Somerset 1
- 23 (20) Talbot 1
- 24 (21) Washington 5
- 25 (22) Wicomico 4

1 (23) Worcester 3

2 (b) In Baltimore City there shall be ~~[33]~~ **34** resident judges of the Circuit Court
3 for Baltimore City.

4 1-603.

5 (b) In each of the districts provided for in § 1-602 of this subtitle, there shall be
6 the following number of associate judges of the District Court:

7 (1) District 1 — 28

8 (2) District 2 — 6, two to be appointed from Wicomico County and two to
9 be appointed from Worcester County

10 (3) District 3 — 6, two to be appointed from Cecil County

11 (4) District 4 — 6, two to be appointed from Calvert County and three to be
12 appointed from Charles County

13 (5) District 5 — ~~[16]~~ **17**

14 (6) District 6 — ~~[12]~~ **13**

15 (7) District 7 — 9

16 (8) District 8 — 13

17 (9) District 9 — 4

18 (10) District 10 — 7, two to be appointed from Carroll County and five to be
19 appointed from Howard County

20 (11) District 11 — 5, three to be appointed from Frederick County and two
21 to be appointed from Washington County

22 (12) District 12 — 3, two to be appointed from Allegany County

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2015, contingent on the inclusion of funding of at least \$2,049,500 in the fiscal year 2016
25 State budget for the additional judges authorized under this Act and associated staff. If the
26 fiscal year 2016 State budget does not include funding of at least \$2,049,500 for the
27 additional judges authorized under this Act and associated staff, this Act shall be null and
28 void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.